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  - The submission consists of the enclosed Response.
- Fee (37 CFR §1.114(a), §1.17(e)):
  - The fee of \$610 is calculated on the following basis:

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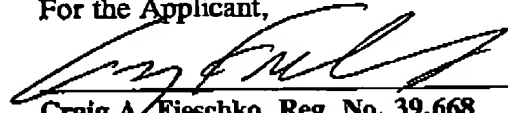
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If any questions regarding the application arise, please contact the undersigned attorney. Telephone calls related to this application are welcomed and encouraged.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Response to Final Office Action
- PTO-2038 (\$610)